

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q66677

Takefumi NAGATA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/981,253

Group Art Unit: 2625

Confirmation No.: 5979

Examiner: Barry Choobin

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For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR PROCESSING  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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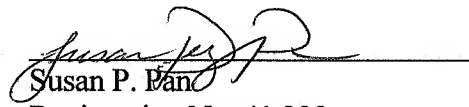
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of four months, extending the time for further action on the Notice of Appeal filed February 22, 2006 to August 22, 2006.

The statutory fee of \$1590.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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